Man Who Lived Here Named As Plotter In JFK Death Probe

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but suffering from a heart condition. "He had had had several heart attacks and wasn't able to do much."

Ashcraft said he had not seen Wheat "for about three weeks."

Mrs. Aubrey Fleming, who lives about a mile from the DeLap ranch on the Merrill Highway, said her husband had had a conversation with Wheat during his residency in that area.

She described Wheat as a "weirdo," said the large dogs discouraged visiting and that because of "politically fanatical" views attributed to Wheat, her family "left them alone."

Mrs. Fleming confirmed that the Wheats lost money at the ranch and moved in the spring of 1967. The previous fall, she said, Wheat reportedly had back surgery in a Medford hospital.

Leslie Williams now occupies the DeLap home.

Efforts to locate Wheat in Malin or Tulelake, Calif., have been futile, according to Malin Marshal Jim Puckett.

Chief of Police Wayne Creel at Chiloquin was unable to provide a lead today.

James Mullany, Federal Bureau of Investigation officer, Medford, told the Herald and News that the FBI "hasn't been looking for him for a couple of years."

Officer William Christiansen of the Oregon State Police in Klamath Falls confirmed that he was "looking for" Wheat but said it was in connection with an alleged minor incident in Poe Valley.

The Los Angeles Times said Wheat was born July 30, 1913, in Rochelle, La., registered as an ex-convict in California and from 1931 to 1934 lived in the house on South Lafayette Park Place, now razed, where the Kennedy assassination discussions allegedly took place.

They said Wheat had served time for robbery in Louisiana and burglary in Texas in addition to the murder rap.

Wheat was the West Coast leader of the Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress, July 1, 1964, an anti-Negro, anti-Semite, anti - Catholic group formed by the Ku Klux Klan, the LA Times reported.

Wheat is described as 5 feet 10 or 11 inches, heavy set, ruddy complexioned, dark black hair and black moustache.